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ROYAL DUBLIN HOTEL:

For Workers' Rights and Socialism

THE COURAGE of the Royal Dublin workers in sticking out for over ten weeks should be an inspiration to the trade union movement in Dublin. Until recently the strike suffered a media blackout because Tony O'Reilly—who owns most of our newspapers—is one of the prominent shareholders of the hotel.

The strike now needs far more support from SIPTU. If the biggest union in the country cannot establish the claim for decent wages in this hotel, it is a terrible omen for the future.

Yet so far the efforts of the union leaders have been paltry.

■They should be told now to organise a special levy throughout the union to make sure that these strikers get full financial backing in the run up to Christmas.

■We also need to keep up the mass pickets. After last Monday's mass picket, two bus loads of US tourists checked out a day earlier when they realised the seriousness of the situation.

It is high time that the trade union movement stopped being intimidated by the Industrial Relations Act and started to act like a fighting organisation.

In the whole ten weeks of this strike, the parties which claim to represent workers—Labour and Democratic Left—have done nothing.

They are too busy supporting a move to remove our right to bail and bring in a form of preventative internment to worry about workers' rights.

We need an alternative socialist party in this country that is always on the side of workers in struggle.

The Socialist Workers Party believes that real changes comes from working class struggle. French workers showed how last year when their general strike paralysed the country.

If you are interested come to the drink and discussion after this picket in Conway's Pub upstairs. Bríd Smith, will give a ten minute introduction on what type of socialist party is needed in Ireland.

After the picket...

Drink and discussion:

What is the alternative to the Labour Party?

Introduced by: BRÍD SMITH

Upstairs in Conways Pub, Parnell St
Directly after tonight's picket

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